

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

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CAMPING AND PICNICKING

APACHE LAKE BOAT-IN CAMPING SITES

RANGER DISTRICT

Tonto Basin Ranger Station
HC02 Box 4800
Roosevelt, AZ 85545
Phone: (928) 467-3200 Fax: (928) 467-3239

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing, water recreation, wildlife viewing and hiking

SEASON OF USE

All year

ELEVATION

1914 feet (spillway is 1891 feet)

FACILITIES

Picnic tables
Fire rings

FEES

Day-use fees apply at boat launch areas

CONSIDERATIONS

- State Hwy. 88 is a narrow winding mountain road, with a maximum vehicle length limit of 40 feet.
- Paved launch ramps are located at Burnt Corral Campground and at Apache Lake Marina.
- Lake levels fluctuate rapidly because of the pump-back electrical generating system at Horse Mesa Dam.
- Most coves and all recreation sites are “No Wake” areas
- Please use a portable potty or boat head and properly dispose of wastes
- Apache Lake Marina has facilities to pump sewage from boats with holding tanks
- If you **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Rules and regulations are posted at all fee station areas. Please read and observe.

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

For Apache Lake water-level information, contact the Salt River Project's (SRP) recorded message line at (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com

ATTRACTIONS

- Secluded shoreline locations provide camping away from high-use areas.
- Apache Lake offers an outstanding opportunity to view Desert Big Horn Sheep on the cliffs high above its northern shores. Please observe these desert animals from your boat only.
- Views of sun-painted canyon walls, magnificent scenery and native wildlife

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Apache Lake is formed behind Horse Mesa Dam downstream of Theodore Roosevelt Dam.

From Apache Junction: Drive north on State Hwy. 88 for 29 miles to Forest Road (FR) 79/Apache Lake Marina/Resort or 36 miles to FR 183/Burnt Corral Recreation Site. The last 20 miles of State Hwy. 88 are unpaved. Turn left (west) and continue to the lake.

From Mesa: Take State Hwy. 87 north for approximately 60 miles to the junction of State Hwy. 87 and State Hwy. 188. Turn right (east) and follow State Hwy. 188 for 33 miles until it meets State Hwy. 88. Turn right (south) onto State Hwy. 88 and drive past Roosevelt Dam. Follow unpaved State Hwy. 88 for 6 miles to FR 183/Burnt Corral or 12 miles to FR 79/Apache Lake Marina Resort. Turn right (west) and continue to the lake.

From the Globe area: Take State Hwy. 188 west for 30 miles to the junction of State Hwy. 88 and State Hwy. 188. Turn onto State Hwy. 88 past the Roosevelt Dam and continue for 6 miles to the unpaved FR 183/Burnt Corral or 12 miles to FR 79/Apache Lake Marina and Resort. Turn right (west) and continue to the lake.

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Apache Lake Marina and Resort: Full-service marina, food and lodging, public pay phone. The Maricopa County Sheriff's aid station

Globe/Miami: All services

Payson: All services